

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Fujita (US 5,974,083) in view of Propp et al. (US Pub. 2005/0069064). Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujita and Propp et al. in view of Kim et al. (US Pub. 2003/0072397).

Allowable Subject Matter and New Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 20-22.

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-2, 4-13, and 15-18 and has added new claims 23-37 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art, taken individually or in combination. Namely, since claims 21-22 are allowed, then all of their dependent claims, including new claims 23-37, should be deemed allowable. The basis of the new claims can be found in the cancelled claims. New claim 23 can be found in old claim 1 (i.e., "23/1"). Similarly, the following indicates the source of the remaining new claims 24-37:

24/2, 25 /4, 26/5, 27/6, 28/7, 29/8, 30/9, 31/10, 32 /11, 33/12, 34/15, 35/16, 36/17, and 37/18.

As a result, all pending claims now recite allowable subject matter. Therefore, the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are rendered moot and no response is deemed necessary.

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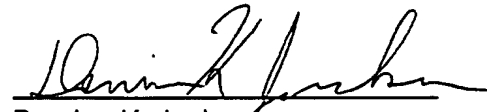
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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